

# Harpeth Hall Groundskeeper Hospitalized Due to... Spider Bite?

By Becky Mathes

Bruce Alexander, a groundskeeper at Harpeth Hall, was hospitalized recently due to what he believes was a spider bite.

"I was trimming weeds along the tennis courts and noticed a black and yellow spider on my shoulder," he said. "But the bite was down here," he added, pointing to the base of his left hand, near the knuckles.

Dr. James J. Madden, M.D., a plastic surgeon at Vanderbilt Clinic, was not sure the injury was a spider bite, however.

"There is a good chance that Mr. Alexander's problem was not caused by a spider, but by his coming into contact with some kind of chemical that brought on a strong reaction," Dr. Madden said. "Since we were not exactly sure what caused the problem, we did nothing more than keep him under observation at the hospital for a few days."

Bruce's left arm began hurting soon after he noticed the spider on his left shoulder. Later, his arm turned very dark, and then almost white. A few weeks later, his arm was returning to its normal color, with just a few light spots remaining on his arm.

Upon observing Bruce's injuries, Dr. Madden found that Bruce was bleeding just beneath the skin of his left arm.

"This bleeding indicated a hemorrhage, pointing toward the possibility of Mr. Alexander's reacting to a chemical. While he was under observation, we took blood tests and carefully watched this bleeding, to make sure it didn't progress to anything more serious," Dr. Madden said. "Then again, certain factors pointed toward a spider bite, especially the damage done to the tissue of Mr. Alexander's arm."

If it was a spider bite, the type of spider may not have been the black and yellow spider Bruce described but a brown recluse spider instead.

The brown recluse is a small spider, normally about one-half an inch long. They usually are found in houses and buildings in a place that isn't often disturbed. Its bite causes extensive tissue damage which can sometimes be taken care of using medication. Other times, surgery is required to repair tissue damage. In rare cases, people have died from the bite of the brown recluse.



Dr. Peter Iano examines Bruce Alexander's wounded hand.

## Gridiron Show

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"President Carter and Senator Edward Kennedy were last seen urging former Governor Ray Blanton to support Senator Baker for president," News Update correspondent Dan Miller, who played himself, announced. Also, he stated that Huell Howser was recently mugged while conducting a "happy feature" in New York City. Asked about his encounter, he said, "Gee, what a great experience..."

During the first Annual Metro Awards, Charlie Galbreath, who played himself, sang a hilarious version of "There's No Business Like My Business."

In the Mr. Democrat Pageant, a talent and swimsuit competition, Bill Boner (Brian Moore) won by having the loudest applause. One comment was, "Boner's talent is yet to be determined."

Jayne Ann Woods (Ruth Ann Leach) and Fred Thompson (Les Jameson) conducted a point counterpoint in the style of "Saturday Night Live" over the fact of whether Howard Baker should have a woman running mate in his candidacy for presidency.

In the final scene "Hail to the Chief", John Seigenthaler (Charlie Galbreath), publisher of the TENNESSEAN and John J. Hooker (Hank Dye), publisher of the BANNER, discussed the 1980 presidential election returns as they came in. Then when Howard Baker (Bob Loflin) beat Albert Gore, Jr. (Kurt Schmalz) by "one lone vote" a celebration began.

Mrs. Valerie Lindell Boehm, Gridiron General Chairperson said, "The National Guard Armory (former location of the gridiron show) doesn't even compare to Harpeth Hall." Incidentally, this was the second time in the history of the gridiron show that it was held in a theater. This year Carl Wolsohn (writer of the show) and Mrs. Boehm chose the actors and actresses, then had a cast call. Usually an actor has a different part each year, but Mr. Bob Loflin is an exception. He has played Howard Baker seven years, and before that former Mayor Briley for twelve years. In each instance there was some physical resemblance.

In portraying the characters, Mr. Loflin (Howard Baker) stated that it was "lots of fun".

Mr. Pat Nolan, who played Mayor Richard Fulton said, "I played the role broadly and with lots of satire, then hammed it up!"

Mrs. Boehm stated that, "The politicians don't mind laughing at themselves. They can receive the opinions of the community through the gridiron show—after all, it is all for a worthy cause."

## Kennedy Visits Nashville

### Kennedy At Vanderbilt

By Maurya Kilroy

On Thursday November 8 at Memorial Auditorium, Vanderbilt Impact Organization and the Bar Association introduced Edward Kennedy, the senator from Massachusetts and a Presidential candidate. Kennedy spoke briefly and then answered questions from the audience.

The senator's speech emphasized the importance of youth involvement in issues and his hopes that this generation will not be another "silent generation." Kennedy next criticized President Carter for depending too heavily on economic advisors and for not providing effective leadership and guidance through the energy crisis. He said the "malaise" was with the government, not with the public.

Afterwards, Kennedy discussed his views of issues raised by people in the audience. Concerning Iran, he expressed his hopes that the problem can be diplomatically resolved. He was dismayed



Photo by Melissa Wert

Senator Ted Kennedy arrives at Radisson Hotel for a breakfast during his campaign trip to Nashville.

at the U. S.'s lack of support in helping the starving Cambodians. About the energy situation, Kennedy favors a moratorium on nuclear energy and a windfall profits tax.

As people were leaving this relatively brief speech, I heard varying comments about Kennedy's talk. Many felt he should have discussed his own plans as President and his positive answers to the questions of energy. Others wished that he had spoken longer and answered more questions.

### Kennedy At Radisson Hotel

By Beth Clayton

Two days after announcing his candidacy for the presidency, Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) visited Nashville to campaign.

LOGOS II was fortunate enough to receive press credentials to cover his visit.

Friday, Nov. 9th, a \$250.00 per plate breakfast was held at the Radisson Hotel, which was attended by many local politicians.

After a complimentary introduction by Dr. Walter Leonard, President of Fisk University, Mayor Richard Fulton became the first major southern politician to endorse Kennedy for President.

Fulton reinforced Kennedy's theme that the main problem facing the United States today is "a lack of strong leadership, backed by the confidence of the people". Fulton also recognized the fact that "my decision to endorse your candidacy over that of the incumbent is not without its risks, but now is a time when we must sacrifice our selfish interests and look toward the rewards of leadership."

After being introduced Kennedy said, "Being in Nashville reminded me of the country music

song" All The Gold Is Not In California." Some of the gold is here in Tennessee, and a lot of it is right here this morning. I came to the Volunteer State to volunteer myself for president, and we're looking for plenty of volunteers over these next several months."

Kennedy criticized Carter for lack of leadership, but he did not call the President by name. He said, "Americans respond best when challenged. There is no problem that we're facing now that we can't handle and resolve."

Senator Kennedy was accompanied on the platform by his 12 year old son, Patrick, who was given the key to the city by Mayor Fulton, and by his sister, Jean Kennedy Smith. Also on the platform were George Barrett, Davidson County Democratic Chairman; former U. S. Senator Ross Bass; George Hamilton IV; and Mary Sasser, wife of U. S. Senator James Sasser.

# WARD BELMONT - HARPI

By Hannah Bond

What was Ward Belmont? First of all, Ward Belmont was the location of a historic mansion which was built prior to Civil War days. It was a home which knew the vicissitudes of life—love, birth, joy, sorrow, and death. Belmont, the home, eventually became Belmont Junior College and functioned as such from 1890 until 1913. At that time, it merged with another prominent school, Ward Seminary, and became known in the fall of 1913 as Ward Belmont. Ward Belmont was in existence as a preparatory school and junior college until its purchase by the Tennessee Baptist Convention on March 11, 1951. On that day, Ward Belmont ceased to exist as an institution.

Ward Belmont had a reputation of being one of the most prominent women's colleges in its day. Students came from as far away as Arizona, New York, and California to attend.

Numerous rules and forms of etiquette constantly regulated the lives of Ward Belmont students. The girls adhered strictly to dress restrictions. During the week for classes they wore very simple clothes consisting mostly of shirts

and skirts, flat shoes, and absolutely no makeup. In the evenings the girls were required to dress for dinner and were allowed to wear small amounts of makeup. They could also wear it on special occasions such as teas, dances, and other special functions. When leaving the campus for shopping, Ward Belmont girls wore dark dresses and matching hats. White gloves were required for all occasions.

Until the early 1930's the outfit for gym classes consisted of long, pleated, navy serge bloomers which were met just above the knee by black stockings and at the waist by white middie blouses with navy ties. Later, however, the uniform

began to resemble our own: navy blue woolen shorts, a white shirt, and tennis shoes.

Drinking alcoholic beverages or smoking cigarettes was such a serious offense that anyone caught in the act was immediately expelled.

The streetcar was the means of transportation for the students at Ward Belmont. The car was run by electricity and was operated by conductors.

The interior of the streetcar consisted of two rows of double seats separated by a narrow aisle in which people often had to stand during rush hours. A familiar sight in Nashville were the rough and bumpy tracks which ran down the middles of the streets, and the electric line overhead which carried the current through a flexible pole connected to the car. It was not unusual for this pole to become dislodged from the electric line, causing the car to stop suddenly and sometimes to preside in rather precarious positions. When this happened, the conductor left his post and adjusted the pole.

Courteous manners were the trademark of the Ward Belmont girl. For example, she was expected to give her seat to elderly ladies who boarded the streetcar and stand for the rest of the trip if necessary. She was also required to open doors for any visitor to campus and stand when one was introduced.

Although there were many restrictions at Ward Belmont, there were also many social activities. Ward Belmont had no national sororities; instead there were fourteen social clubs, ten for boarding students and four for day students. The ten clubs for the boarding students were located around the famous old water tower



The main part of the Campus was centered about the famous ante-bellum estate - "Belmont". Pictured are the mansion and its gardens circa 1850.



One of the most important of the social activities was the annual Ball at the college.

# PETH HALL'S HERITAGE

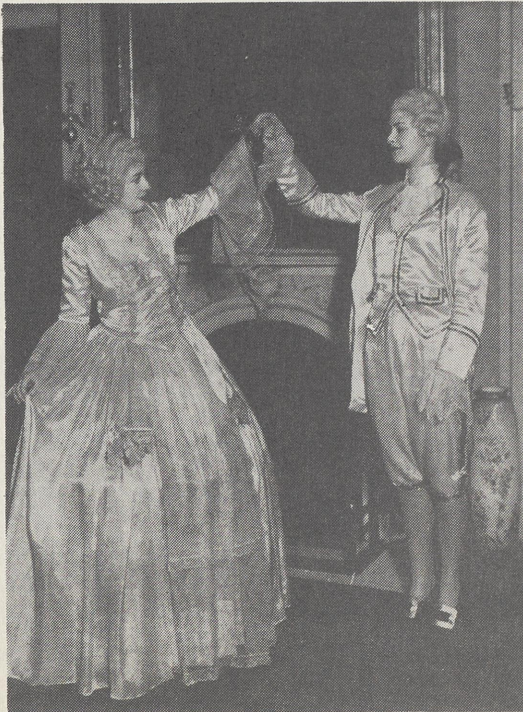
at the south end of the campus. During the early days of the Belmont estate, this tower, which is still a landmark, had been surrounded by a moat filled with limestone water, which was drawn by a mill into tanks which sent it through a system of underground pipes supplying water for the entire estate. After Ward Belmont was established this area became known as Club Village with the tower and its carillon dominating the scene. The day students had their club meetings in a large house across the street from the campus, and their four clubs were the forerunners of Harpeth Hall's

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school clubs—Eccowasin, Triad, Angkor, and Ariston. Most of the social life and athletic competition took place among these clubs. The social life consisted of teas, dances, and open houses; the athletic competition included tournaments in basketball, hockey, swimming, and bowling.

Rushing new students for membership in these clubs was as serious and as strenuous as that for membership in national sororities on other campuses. The major difference in Ward Belmont's system of club membership was that every girl in the school was a member of some club; no one was left out. Since it occurred at the beginning of the school year, rushing gave them an early opportunity to become acquainted with the student body and the faculty who sponsored the clubs.

The social events in the clubs were for girls only. Dances were held and invitations issued to members of the other clubs, but boys were never allowed at these affairs. They often had difficulty deciding who was going to lead whom. Those who did the leading most of the time had a rather hard adjustment to make when they went on to coeducational institutions and found themselves dancing with boys rather than girls. Only once a year were members of the opposite sex invited to a dance at Ward Belmont. This was an affair held in the dining room for all students.



To be chosen "Martha" or "George" was and still is a high honor. Shown here are Louise Robinson as Martha and Jean Stewart Schaeffer as George.

Those students who occasionally had dates were required to have written permission from home and were strictly chaperoned. They could "entertain" their dates in the parlors just off Rec Hall where the chaperone on duty would wander back and forth like a sentinel guarding his post.

Guilbertine Moore, a one time student at Ward Belmont, tells the story of the time that one of the brothers of her best friend came for a visit. "During the blessing my friend's brother happened to glance around just in time to see several girls at the table behind him reaching over trying to touch his coat—it had been so many weeks since they had seen an attractive young man."

As an extracurricular advantage, Ward Belmont

offered a concert series and attendance by all was compulsory. Many stage productions came to the old Ryman Auditorium and students were allowed the privilege of attending them.

Religion played an important part in the lives of Ward Belmont girls. Informal and optional Sunday school classes were usually led by the students themselves. Unless they were ill, church attendance was compulsory. They were allowed to attend any church of their choice as long as at least one other girl accompanied them.

Always a highlight of the year at Ward Belmont was the servants' Christmas Party. A fund collected by the girls and matched by the school was divided equally among the employees, and on this gift they lived until the school was begun again after the two and a half week vacation. To express their appreciation of the gift the servants put on a program the night before school adjourned for the holidays. In addition to this special Christmas event, other seasons of the year were observed in some unique way. They had a Thanksgiving dinner with the traditional roast turkey, chestnut dressing, cranberry sauce, candied yams, brussel sprouts, plum pudding, and other extras. There was a Halloween party with such delicacies as "Forbidden Fruit," "Ancestors' Eyeballs," "Frozen Faces," "Ghosts' Sticks," and "Satan's Delight." Special dinners were also held in honor of Valentine's Day and Washington's Birthday.

Festivals formed a very important part of Ward Belmont life. Annually a traditional May Day Festival was held at springtime. A May Queen was elected along with her attendants, and all of the clubs featured Maypole dances. For the Washington's Birthday dinner, the student body selected a "George" and "Martha" to preside over the celebration. Following the dinner, the court of George and Martha concluded the evening's festivities with the minuet. White makeup and powdered wigs abounded.

This was the Ward Belmont that Harpeth Hall has descended from. In Ward Belmont's past are many of our school's current traditions. We see as examples the George Washington ceremonies that are presented each year, the four school clubs, and the gift of a fine education to those who will contribute their finest effort.



Wrapping the May Pole was one of the favorite activities of the May Day celebration.

# The Trees Of Christmas at Cheekwood

By Whitney Daane

With Christmas vacation just around the corner, our thoughts drift toward the coming of the holiday season. One of the major events in our community is the Trees of Christmas at Cheekwood. The theme at this, the fifteenth annual exhibit, is the "Light of Christmas" in the Year of the Child on which 16 trees and all exhibits focus. Garden clubs from around the area are each responsible for decorating one of the trees. Each tree is a fantasy of design, color, and glitter.

For example, the first tree to be seen is the Tree of China. The primary ornament on this tree is the Juyi, the Chinese good-luck symbol, but there will also be kites, elaborate Chinese felt fish, painted material lanterns, and Chinese dolls.

One of the many new trees this year is the Alaskan Tree. Decorated with gold, fish, and furs, the tree represents the states' industry. Replicas of Eskimos' masks, used in their laughing contests, will also adorn the tree. There will be blue and white felt ornaments decorated with "forget-me-nots" to represent the state flower and Alaska's many lakes.

The Victorian England Tree was taken from a Christmas tradition set by Prince Albert. Cornucopias, baskets, and other containers brimming with sweets are hung on the tree. According to the LONDON ILLUSTRATED NEWS feature on

Prince Albert's tree, "Fancy cakes, gingerbread, and eggs filled with sweetmeats, are also suspended by variously colored ribbons from the branches." Each miniature gift is marked with the name of one of Queen Victoria's children; this was to make sure no child was overlooked on this special holiday.

And finally, the International Year of the Child Storybook Tree gives you a glimpse of the world of imagination. Various children's stories are depicted through three dimensional scenes, inclosed in paper mache balloons. ALICE IN WONDERLAND and the JUNGLE BOOK are two stories that will be featured.

One of the many features this year is a scene of Santa's Workshop presented by Tom Tichenor and his puppets. It will show the elves at work making the items that delight young children on Christmas.

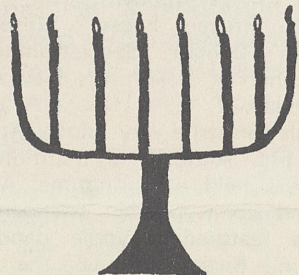
Beginning on December 1 and continuing through the 23rd, the exhibit will be open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. til 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students ages 7-17, and 50c for children under 7. All proceeds go to the Tennessee Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center at Cheekwood.



Photo: Susan Ross

"Joey" hands out kisses to his many fans.



## HANUKKAH

By Jan Hobdy

While some of us are excited about the upcoming Christmas holidays, several of the students are celebrating Hanukkah, the Jewish Feast of Lights. Hanukkah, which was first celebrated in the year one hundred and sixty-five B.C., is celebrated annually to show appreciation for the rededication of the second Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. It is often called the Feast of Dedication since the word Hanukkah translates as meaning dedication. The Hanukkah celebration occurs in December on the twenty-fifth day of the Jewish month called Kislev. This year Hanukkah starts on December fifteenth. The celebration lasts for eight days, and at that time a new candle is lit every day at sundown. During Hanukkah the children receive gifts and play games. December is a time to recognize Hanukkah as well as Christmas.

## Survey: Manely

By Suzanne Scott and Leslie Gingles

In 1971 Maria Nelinda Ramirez Abella de Depratti, known to friends as Manely, came to Harpeth Hall from Argentina as an American Field Service student. In December of 1977 Manely, her husband Nereo Depratti, and their small son were forcibly taken from their home in Argentina. The child was returned a few months later to Manely's parents, but neither Manely nor her husband has been seen or heard from since their abduction. They are, along with countless other victims, presumed dead or held captive in concentration camps. The charge? Manely and Nereo disagreed with the corrupt methods of the Argentinian government. In October of 1979 A.F.S. held an assembly in which students and faculty were urged to contact government officials in order to persuade them to take action and discover the whereabouts of Manely, Nereo, and the many other innocent Argentinian citizens who have "disappeared". In addition, a special assembly was held the same day during lunch, and although attendance was not required, both students and faculty were urged to come and

learn what is involved in contacting the government. How effective were these assemblies and the pleas to help Manely and others in her situation? A survey was taken on campus among thirty students and faculty to discover the effectiveness of the school's efforts and it consisted of the following questions and responses:

1. Do you recognize the name Manely? All thirty responded yes.
2. Did you attend the special assembly after lunch for Manely? Fifteen responded yes, and fifteen responded no.
3. Have you or do you plan to write a government official about Manely? Fifteen yes, and fifteen no.
4. Do you feel that Harpeth Hall has done enough to help Manely? Twenty-one answered yes, and nine answered no.

The majority responded yes to question four. They believe that Harpeth Hall has done everything we can to help Manely. Therefore, has Harpeth Hall really done all that it can?



The longest-haired witch in town (Mrs. Gower).

## Freshman Spotlight

By Gina Goff

The Freshman Spotlight this month is someone new to Harpeth Hall, Jennifer Carter. She came here from Ensworth this year and says that she really likes Harpeth Hall for many reasons. She has already met a lot of nice people and made quite a few new friends. Although sports are not Jennifer's favorite, she likes most of her subjects at school, especially history. She enjoys her Art class and she participates in the Art Club.

Jennifer also likes doing many things outside of school. She loves to paint barettes and sell them. This August she had a great time on a trip to California, visiting cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco. San Francisco was her favorite place because of all the interesting shops that were there.

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